

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified Application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-4 are in the case. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2-4 have been added. The Specification has been amended to correct minor informalities that were discovered.

Regarding the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Kimura, Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the rejection. Kimura concerns how to create a reduced order substrate netlist, and does not address how to estimate noise or how to use the estimated noise to analyze a floorplan. It is respectfully submitted that Claim 1 as now constituted distinguishes patentably over Kimura, and, indeed, all of the art of record whether considered individually or in any combination, and that Claim 1 is therefore allowable. Wherefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

New Claims 2-4 depend, either directly or indirectly, from Claim 1 and so are allowable as well for the same reasons, as well as for the additional limitations found therein.

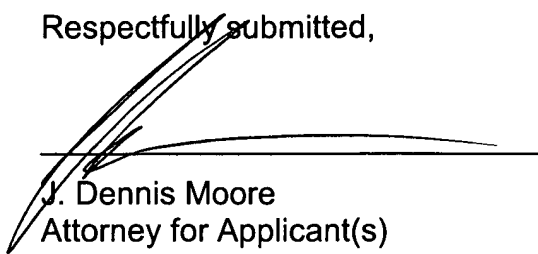
It is respectfully submitted that the claims recite the patentably distinguishing features of the invention and that, taken together with the above remarks, the present application is now in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of the claims are requested at an early date.

While it is believed that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of

this paper, including extension of time fees to the Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

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